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For your information and for the information of personnel under your control: The International News Service has furnished its newspapers (Hearst) throughout the United States and its other subscribers with six articles on the Agency carrying the by-line of Robert G. Nixon, a staff writer.

The articles are favorable to the Agency, its leadership, its personnel, its secrecy and its effectiveness.

The idea for the stories originated with Barry Paris, Editor-in-Chief, of INS. When approached for information, the Agency said it did not desire any publicity, but INS insisted their subscribers wanted such a series. INS said it would not print anything prior to showing copy to Agency officials. The series is based on data from newspaper libraries and a recent INS story in the Christian Science Monitor, plus a writer's imagination. Agency official saw copy and declared there was nothing in it endangering national security, but Agency would not pass on the accuracy of any statements made in the series even though some inaccuracies were obvious, and INS was informed the Agency did not "clear" the series, but neither did it object to publication. We have no authority of censorship.

The implication that the Director might have said some of the things printed in the series is a journalistic tactic. The Director at no time saw Mr. Nixon, nor did the Director see the copy prior to INS making it public.

It is desired that the substance of this memorandum be transmitted by Deputies concerned to Senior Representatives and to such other key personnel in INS and abroad who may have an interest.

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